

DETAILED ACTION

1. According to paper filed on Nov. 6, 2007, the applicants have canceled claim 25 and furthermore, have amended claim 21.
2. Claims 21-24, 26 and 27 are now pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. The following amendment is pursuant to a telephone conversation with the applicant's attorney, Mr. Arthur R. Crawford on Feb. 8, 2008. The following changes have been made in claims:

Cancel claim 27 without prejudice.

line 7 KC 3/12/08
In claim 21, for the value of variable Y, line 1, after 4-trimethylammonium-3-hydroxybutanoyl, insert or 4-trimethylammonium-butanoyl.

4. Claims 21-24 and 26, renumbered as claims 1-5, are allowed since the applicants have amended claims to overcome all rejections.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit S. Aulakh whose telephone number is (571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on (571)272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.